2015 Spring Youth Wild Turkey Hunting Permit Information

SEASON DATES

Northern Zone April 4 & 5

Southern Zone March 28 & 29

Fee

On-line Application \$10

OTC (Over-The-Counter) Permits \$10.50

APPLICATION/OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) AVAILABLE DATES

On-Line Application for Special Hunt Areas will be available Jan 20 - Feb 16

NOTE: Paper applications will not be available, on-line applications only

Open County OTC Permits will be available March 3

NOTE: Spring Youth Wild Turkey Hunter Permits will be sold over the counter from license vendors

GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility:

The spring youth turkey hunt is open only to hunters who have not reached their 16th birthday prior to the opening date of the youth season.

Hunters must have an apprentice or youth hunting license, or they must have completed a State Approved Hunter Education course and have a hunting license, unless exempt. In addition hunters must have a Habitat Stamp, unless exempt.

Hunters are limited to **ONE** Youth Spring Turkey permit, either a Special Hunt Area Permit or County Permit.

Permits issued for the Spring Youth Turkey Hunt will be counted in the number of permits a person can be issued for the regular Spring Wild Turkey Season.

Spring Youth Wild Turkey Hunting Permits will only be valid for the dates and county (counties) or Special Hunt Area listed on the permit.

A Spring Youth Wild Turkey Permit allows the holder to hunt with either a shotgun or bow and arrow.

Each Illinois Spring Youth Wild Turkey Hunt permit holder using an apprentice or youth hunting license is required to be accompanied by a parent/guardian or grandparent who possesses a valid Firearm Owners Identification (F.O.I.D) Card. All other hunters using other types of licenses or license exempt may be accompanied by a responsible adult in lieu of a parent, guardian or grandparent. The accompanying adult must be present for the permit holder (youth) to hunt. The adult and/or adult caller is not allowed to hunt, but may accompany the youth hunter as a caller or observer.

ON-LINE SPECIAL HUNT AREA APPLICATION (Jan 20 - Feb 16)

NORTHERN ZONE SEASON DATES AND SPECIAL HUNT AREAS

April 4 & 5

Butterfield Trail SRA in Iroquois County Castle Rock SP in Ogle County Clinton Lake SRA in DeWitt County Coffeen Lake SFWA in Montgomery County Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA in Vermilion County Hidden Springs SF in Shelby County Iroquois Co SWA in Iroquois County Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA in Cass County Kankakee River SP in Kankakee/Will Counties Kickapoo SRA in Vermilion County Lake Shelbyville in Moultrie County Lake Shelbyville in Shelby County Middlefork SFWA in Vermilion County Momence Wetlands in Kankakee County Sand Ridge State Forest in Mason County Sangchris Lake SP in Sangamon/Christian Counties Weldon Springs SRA (Piatt Co. Unit) in Piatt County

SOUTHERN ZONE SEASON DATES AND SPECIAL HUNT AREAS

March 28 & 29

Crab Orchard NWF (closed portion) in Williamson County Eldon Hazlet (includes South Shore) in Clinton County Ferne Clyffe SP - Ferne Clyffe Hunting Area in Johnson County Sam Dale Lake SFWA in Wayne County Stephen A Forbes SP in Marion County Wayne Fitzgerrell SRA in Franklin/Jefferson Counties

OVER-THE-COUNTER COUNTY PERMITS (available March 3)

NORTHERN ZONE SEASON DATES AND OPEN

COUNTIES April 4 & 5

Adams, Boone, Brown, Bureau, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeKalb, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Fulton, Greene, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Jersey, JoDaviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Marshall-Putnam, Mason, McDonough, McHenry, McLean, Menard, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Ogle, Peoria, Piatt, Pike, Rock Island, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Vermilion, Warren, Whiteside, Will, Winnebago and Woodford

SOUTHERN ZONE SEASON DATES AND SPECIAL HUNT

AREAS March 28 & 29

Alexander, Bond, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin-Hardin, Hamilton, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White and Williamson

YOUTH HUNTING SITES IN NORTH & SOUTH ZONES

The following sites will be open to holders of a valid Youth Spring Turkey Hunt County Permit for the county in which the site is located. Persons wishing to hunt one of the listed sites should contact that site prior to hunting for information about site regulations and restrictions.

Anderson Lake FWA

Apple River Canyon SP

Argyle Lake SP

Big Bend FWA

Big River SF

Cache River

Carlyle Lake SFWA

Carlyle Lake SFWA East Fork Management Unit

Cape Bend SFWA

Copperhead Hollow SWA

Crab Orchard NWF

Crawford County SFWA

Cypress Pond SNA

Deer Pond SNA

Devils Island SFWA

Dog Island WMA

Ferne Clyffe SP

Ferne Clyffe SP- Cedar Draper HA

Giant City SP

Green River SWA

Hanover Bluff SNA

Horseshoe Lake CA in Alexander County

Kaskaskia River SFWA

Kincaid Lakes SFWA

Mackinaw River SFWA

Marshall SFWA

Mermet Lake SFWA

Mississippi River Area Pools 21,22,24,25 &26

Moraine View SP

Mt Vernon Game Propagation Center

Nauvoo State Park-(Max Rowe Unit Only)

Newton Lake SFWA

Pere Marquette SP-(open area east of Graham Hollow Road only)

Pyramid SP

Pyramid SP- East Conant Unit

Rall Woods State Natural Area

Ray Norbut FWA

Rend Lake SFWA

Rend Lake COE (managed land in Jefferson and Franklin counties)

Sahara Woods CSFWA

Sam Parr FWA

Shellbyville SFWA

Sielbeck Forest SNA

Siloam Springs SP

Siloam Springs SP (Buckhorn Unit)

Skinner Farm State Habitat Area

Spoon River SF

Tapley Woods SNA

Ten Mile Creek SFWA

Trail of Tears SF

Turkey Bluffs SFWA

Union County CA

Weinberg-King SP

Weinberg-King SP- (Cecil White Unit)

Weinberg-King SP- (Scripps Unit)

Weinberg-King SP- (Spunky Bottoms Unit)

Winston Tunnel SNA

Wise Ridge SNA

Witkowsky SWA

Please call 217-782-7305 or email us at DNR.Permits1@illinois.gov if you have any questions.